The
South African Library for the Blind
GRAHAMSTOWN

BRAILLE BOOKS.

MOON TYPE BOOKS.

MUSIC.

TALKING BOOK RECORDS.

23RD ANNUAL REPORT

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. C. E. Espin presided at the 23rd annual meeting of the S.A. Library for the Blind, held in St. George's Hall on April 9th, 1947. Before proceeding with the business he made sympathetic reference to the death of the Rev. G. H. P. Jacques and the great services he had rendered as Chairman of the Council of the Library. He asked the meeting to stand as a mark of respect to his memory.

Referring to the work of the Library he said he sometimes felt that it was not well enough known, and perhaps they could do a little bit more than they were doing to bring it before the people. He felt that there may be even blind people, who do not know of the work that is actually being carried on for them, and therefore everything possible should be done to make it more widely known. These were days when people were talking a lot about free libraries, but the Library for the Blind had been free since its inception.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Miss Josie Wood, Secretary, read her annual report as follows:

Patrons-in-Chief.—Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Mrs. van Zyl have honoured us by consenting to be Patron-in-Chief and Patroness-in-Chief.

We regret the death of the Administrator, Mr. P. A. Myburgh. The new Administrator, Mr. Carinus, has kindly agreed to be one of our patrons.

Council. The Library suffered a great loss in the death of our Chairman and good friend, the Rev. Dr. G. H. P. Jacques. He was an active member of our Council for 16 years and had been chairman since the resignation of Mr. M. G. Godlonton in 1942. He more than once represented the library as a delegate at the biennial meetings of the S.A. National Council for the Blind.

We are grateful that Mr. C. E. Espin, who has served on the Council for 22 years and has the interests of the work so much at heart, has consented to be Chairman.

We regret that two members of our Council have resigned on leaving Grahamstown. Mr. Yamey has gone to Cape Town. He was Treasurer and drew up a programme of development which is being carried out. We much appreciated all the help and time he gave us. The Rev. J. H. Reed left at the end of the year.

We are glad to welcome three new members. Mr. Percival Whiteley joined us in August and was elected Treasurer and is now one of our Trustees and our representative on the Voters' Roll. The other two are the Rev. F. H. Edmonds and Mr. A. F. Lilford who actually joined in January 1947.

Staff. Mrs. Bodmer left us at the end of August on six months leave with the option of coming back, but has decided not to return to Grahamstown. We have missed her cheery helpfulness, especially when other members of the staff have been on leave.

Mrs. Winter Moore took over the charge of the Talking Book Department and is keenly interested in the work.

We are most grateful to those voluntary workers who have helped us from time to time.

Extension. The work continues to grow and we have taken in one of our two remaining flats. The Talking Book Department will be upstairs and there will be a lift so that the heavy boxes can be moved up and down more easily (10 boxes weigh over 100lbs.). The steel shelving is being assembled and we hope to move soon. The Talking Book room will then be available for Braille and Moon books and there will be space for their rearrangement. At present they are terribly overcrowded.

We have at last managed to install automatic fire extinguishers throughout the building. They are very ugly but we hope are very safe. The outside of the building has been entirely repainted and looks clean and fresh.

Library of Music Records. We have always stocked Braille music, but a start has been made with a new venture. We spent £10 on classical records from the fine collection belonging to the late Mr. Webster. They include such works as Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major, with the British Symphony Orchestra, Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat Major, and Elgar's Enigma Variations with the Hallé Orchestra. The readers, who are mostly organists and teachers, greatly appreciate being able to hear these fine works.

Books and Magazines. We added 569 volumes in Braille, and Moon Type books and Braille music. At the close of the year we had 11,000 volumes on the shelves. Some were given us and others were bought from England and America. Among new books bought were: "Epic of Dunkirk," Ferber's "Great Son," Thirkell's "The Headmistress," Johnson's "Bride in the Solomons," and in Moon Type Buchan's "Memory Hold the Door," Croft's "Inspector French" and Rawling's "The Yearling."

Special gifts from the East London Home Reading Union were: "The Setons" in memory of Mrs. Alice S. MacDonald, "Sweet Thames Run Softly" in memory of Mrs. A. A. Carie, and "The Exile" in memory of Mrs. Catherine de Jean.

The Guild of Church Braillists and S.P.G. and Miss Henley sent us religious books and pamphlets from England.

We had gifts of Pandas (Penguins) from readers, pianoforte music, a Braille writing machine, a writing slate and Christmas cards. The Worcester School for the Blind gave a collection of songs and a number of Afrikaans books. Our attempt to pay transcribers among the blind to put books into Afrikaans Braille has so far been a failure. Apparently students have great difficulty in getting sighted persons to dictate the books to them.

During the year there were 323 reading either Braille or Moon Type (adult Europeans 274, juveniles 14, and non-Europeans 35). There were 27 new readers and three of our readers died.

Books were supplied to seven institutions and schools.

The total number of volumes issued was 7,300 as well as 7,199 magazines.

Transcribers. We are most grateful to our voluntary transcribers who have finished the following Braille books:—

Miss Canning: "Jan Smuts" (Crafford), 6 volumes; "Journey Among Warriors," 9 vols.; Quiet Skies on Salween," 3 vols.; "Weaver of Dreams," 4 vols.; "Barnardo of Stepney," 6 vols.;; "A Daughter of the Samurai," 6 vols.

Mrs. Leach: "All British Eagle." 3 vols.

Mrs. Rose Innes: "Christ in a Modern Hospital," 1 vol.; "Alone in Africa," 1 vol.

Miss Watson re-copied "People of the Mist," 6 vols.; "Midsummer Day," 4 vols.

Miss Watson also brailled two copies of our last annual report. Her new venture is to be a quarterly magazine, "Braille Notes and News," and she will welcome news items of general interest to the blind.

We were sad that Mr. Allwright, who for some years produced the popular quarterly, "The Braille Club Magazine," was ordered by his doctor to give up the work. We are most grateful for all he did. The magazine gave pleasure to many readers but special pleasure to those who find difficulty in reading interpointed Braille.

Mrs. Thomson kindly subscribed to the "Reader's Digest" (Braille) for a year. Our readers often send on their copies of this and other magazines and they are most acceptable when in good condition.

Readers. Miss M. T. Watson, President of the Cape Town Civilian Blind Society, attended the Conference of the National Council of Women in Cape Town in April and in November was a delegate to the biennial meeting of the S.A. National Council for the Blind at Worcester.

Mrs. Leviseur, who was born in Bloemfontein in 1857, entered for a competition in the "Centenary Supplement" to the "Friend" and got first prize for an article on "Old Bloemfontein."

Mr. Walter Cohen was the only blind man accepted for military service. His was a unique war job and he had delicate and responsible work connected with the security of the country. He rose to be deputy chief in the branch in which he served for 5½ years. Later he was appointed to the staff of the Johannesburg Municipal Department of Native Affairs.

Ursula Pfeffer has passed her matriculation examination and writes, "You have all been perfectly wonderful and I don't know what would have happened if you had not sent me those set books so promptly."

The Worcester School is to be congratulated on sending in six students for the matriculation. All passed in the first class. We were glad to be able to lend them set books in records including a couple of Shakespeare's Plays and "The Vicar of Wakefield."

Talking Book Records. At the end of the year, we had 9,508 records (628 books). We had added 1,276 new records, 111 being replacements. There were 83 complete books, 11 of these being duplicates of popular books. We presented 53 records to the blind lepers at Westfort, Pretoria. There were 84 records broken, 13 more than in the previous year, but our circulation had increased by about 1,000. The number issued was 25,877. The breakages are distressing, because even one broken record throws a whole book out of circulation and it takes many months to get replacements. The Post officials have tried to help us with suggestions of safer packing arrangements and by trying to contact Railway officials about more careful handling at the junctions of these boxes marked "Fragile: Talking Books for the Blind."

From time to time we have been asked about the "Reader's Digest" in Talking Book form (each of these contains 15 or more records). The American Printing House is now lending these to the library. We hope that those who borrow them will read them quickly and return them promptly and so speed their return to America.

The number of individuals using Talking Book Records was 75 besides those at three institutions. Two

readers died and there were 19 new ones. Among the new readers are several men trained at St. Dunstan's in England. Some have not completed their training and among them is an old Rhodian who is taking lectures at Cambridge.

Among books bought from America and England were: "The Soong Sisters" (Hahn), "The Ship" (Forester), "Round the Year on the Farm" (Street), "Traveller from Tokio" (Morris) and "In Scarch of England" (H. V. Morton).

Sir Ian Fraser kindly gave us three books in 66 records: Trevelyan's "History of England" (39), Fitzpatrick's "Jock of the Bushveld" (6), and Brett Young's "They Seek a Country" (21).

Afrikaans Records. A few years ago, the Carnegie Corporation of New York granted this library £1000 "for extension." It was temporarily invested but now the Library Council has thought fit to offer the sum towards the production of Afrikaans Records. This was done at the last meeting of the S.A. National Council for the Blind in November. Attempts to produce Afrikaans Records in this country have so far been a failure, so it is hoped there may be better luck overseas. Mr. Vaughan, Vice-Principal of the Worcester School for the Blind, is visiting England and America and has been asked to make investigations.

Eighth Biennial Meeting of the S.A. National Council for the Blind. Miss Wood and Miss Spurling attended as delegates. Miss Wood was one of the four members of the Executive Committee elected by Council.

Talking Book Machines. We have constant inquiries about new machines and have a waiting list for them. We ordered 50 more than a year ago and we hope that at least 10 are on their way. There has been delay in producing them because the National Institute have found that the wear and tear on records has reached such proportions that drastic action must be taken to keep records in good condition. There have been experiments with new models and it is hoped that with a permanent sapphire needle and a light pick-up and other devices the life of the records may be prolonged.

Thanks. I should like to express our gratitude for all the help we have received both from public bodies and private donors.

Grants came from the Social Welfare Department, the four Provincial Councils, from Divisional Councils and Municipalities. The S.A. National Council for the Blind have doubled their grant for records. In view of an increasing number of ex-soldiers using the Library, the Governor-General's Fund and the S.A.W.A.S. have made special grants. St. Dunstan's have doubled their grant and in addition have made a special donation in recognition of help and co-operation rendered to their work at "Tembani." Help has come from schools, from Barnato Park High School (three times), from V.G.H.S. (MacDonald and Dorset Houses), D.S.G. (School and Strong House), St. Andrew's College and also sale of badges at their sports by Miss L. Mullins, Queenstown Girls' High School and Brakpan Anzac Government School.

Public Libraries have had collecting boxes, Pertoria, Kingwilliamstown and Aliwal North heading the list.

Miss Gould and helpers arranged a street collection amounting to over £61, a record for us.

A generous gift of £100 came from Mrs. H. R. Coates, Port Alfred. and the same from the Robert Niven Trust.

A printed list of all amounts will appear with this report.

Mr. Meaker has kindly brailled playing cards for some of our readers. He has also lent us his Talking Book Machine, a very great help in testing records.

We appreciate all done for us locally especially by the Standard Bank, the E.P. Guardian Loan Company, and the local Press. The officials of the local Post Office are unfailingly kind and helpful in spite of the extra burden of work entailed on them by the library's parcels, books and letters, for most of our work is postal.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Income and Expenditure. Our total income for the year amounted to £1837, an increase over 1945 of £104. This was due to the fact that our revenue from Subscriptions and Collections of a recurring nature showed an increase of £184 which more than offset reductions under the heads of Rents and Provincial Grants.

If we add special donations of a non-recurrent or earmarked nature and which we credit direct to Capital Account the contributions we received from private benefactors amounted to £1350, a figure slightly in excess of that for 1945.

Grants from Provincial and Municipal authorities totalled £452—£57 less than the previous year. As the service we render is a national one I think we are justified in expecting larger contributions from these two sources when we are able to extend our activities and need a larger income.

Our expenditure for the year totalled £2011, an increase over 1945 of £497, mainly under the heads of repairs and alterations and salaries. As a result of this increased expenditure we have an adverse balance for the year of £174, but £100 of this is represented by an amount we have set aside to initiate a "Repairs Fund" which we intend to build up so as to enable us to spread expenditure of this nature more evenly from year to year.

We may feel therefore that our income is just sufficient for our present needs, but that as soon as we are able to increase our work we shall have to take steps to augment our Revenue.

Balance Sheet. A summary of our Balance Sheet:—

On the Debit side:	
Capital Account	£8300
Sundry Funds	4010
	£12310
On the Credit side:	
Property, Furniture, Equipment, Books, Talking Books and Records	£4843
Cash Assets and Investments	7467
	£12310

In spite of the fact that we have a deficit for the year our total available assets show an increase of £474 which is due to the fact that we received special non-recurring or earmarked donations, credited direct to Capital Account, amounting to £648. Our Capital Account at the end of the year as stated amounted to £8300 represented by Property, Books, etc. £4843, and Cash Assets £3457.

Our Staff Provident Fund totalled £2730, our Development Fund earmarked for Afrikaans Talking Book Records £1000 and our Staff Savings Fund, which you will remember was instituted in lieu of increases of Salary, now totals £280. All of these

Funds are represented by Cash Assets.

On the whole the position can be regarded as satisfactory in that when circumstances permit we shall be able to increase our Equipment and thus extend our sphere of usefulness.

ADDRESS BY BISHOP ETHERIDGE

Bishop Etheridge in the course of an interesting and constructive address, which he illustrated by several interesting reminiscences from his own experience amongst blind people, paid eloquent tribute to the work of the Library was doing. It was a unique institution, he said, of which Grahamstown had reason to be justly proud. The annual report showed clearly and lucidly its value to those for whose benefit it had been founded and was being carried on so nobly; and he wished, with their permission, to make a suggestion for its expansion, if it were possible, in a direction which seemed to him to offer a wonderful field for its service in the future.

The Native Blind.

He noted in the report that books were being produced in Braille, in English and Afrikaans; but he did not see any mention or hear any mention, of books in Braille in any of the native languages spoken in the Union, and he wanted to ask if it was quite impossible that the aim of the Library for the Blind should not simply be bilingual, but trilingual? He would be told, of course that there were so many native languages, and how was it possible to meet them all? But they might make a beginning, even a small beginning, with Xhosa, partly because it is the chief language spoken hy the natives of the Union and in widest use, and partly because there had been very little done in the past to meet this special case.

As an example of the change of opinion regarding their duty to the natives, he quoted the following passage from the "Outlook," a periodical that could not, he said, be accused of exaggeration. It was headed "War on Blindness," and stated "blindness in the Union, especially amongst non-Europeans, exceeds that of any other part of the world, and 90 per cent. of it is preventable.". This shocking statement, which recently was made by Brigadier C. M. Hoffe on a public occasion, will have given a shock to most people. May it move them into vigorous support for an eye hospital, for in this fortunate land of ours one out of every 84 of the non-European population is blind. It was good to know that something is to be done to try and remedy this serious situation. Of course there would be difficulties. But what were difficulties for but to be overcome?

"Perhaps as a result of the criticism which South Africa had received lately in various quarters in its treatment of non-Europeans the conscience of the country is just a little uneasy in respect of the defence that has been put up by its leaders and others," he said; "there is I believe, a growing desire to do more than has been done for them; and I believe that the benefits which the Library for the Blind gives, could do much in that direction." It was just a suggestion, but he hoped it would be considered, for the responsibility was there, and it was a responsibility that each one of them must try to fulfil.

On the motion of Mr. W. P. Bond, seconded by Mrs. A. T. Rivett-Carnac, the speaker was thanked for his address.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS.

(INCLUDING AMOUNT CREDITED TO CAPITAL FUND)

from January 1st to December 31st, 1946.

	£	s.	d.
Adams, T. S., Esq.	2	2	0
Adendorff, Mr. J. C.	1	0	0
African & European Investment Co., Ltd.	10	10	0
African Explosives & Industries, Ltd.	10	10	0
Allen, Mrs.	1	0	0
Alliance Building Society	5	5	0
Anderson, J. D., Esq.	1	1	0
Anglo-American Corp. S.A. Ltd.	10	10	0
Anglo-Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co., Ltd.	10	10	0
Anon (Goodwood)	1	0	0
Anon (Grahamstown)	5	0	0
Anon (O)		10	0
Anon (Thank Offering)	5	0	0
Anon (Uitenhage)		10	0
Apex Mines, Ltd.	2	2	0
Arderne, Scott, Thesen Ltd., Messrs.	2	2	0
Armstrong, Mrs. Peter		10	6
Bacon, Mrs.	1	1	0
Bamford, F. H. S., Esq.	3	3	0
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)	10	10	0
Barford, Miss Vera	2	2	0
Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. H. R.	2	2	0
Barratt, Mrs.	2	0	0
Barrow, John (Pty) Ltd.	1	1	0
Beatty, G. H., Esq.	5	5	0
Bell, Dewar & Hall, Messrs.	2	2	0
Bennett, Mrs.	1	1	0
Beves, Mrs.	1	1	6
Bodmer, Mrs.	5	0	0
Bond, Mrs. Beviss	5	0	0
Botha, Miss Antoinette		10	0
Breese, Mrs.	1	0	0
Brevis, Mr. and Mrs.	4	4	0
Brevis, Mr. P. G.		10	0
Brindley, Mrs.		10	0
Britton, F. H., Esq.	2	2	0
Brown, Mrs. A. D. (Sale of Croquet Mallet)	1	0	0
Brown, Mrs. A. D.		10	6
Brown, J. Scott, Esq.	1	1	6
Brownstein, J., Esq.	5	5	0
Brunsdon, Miss S. E.	1	6	0
Bryson, Miss Jessie		5	0
Buys, Mr. A.		5	0
Bye, Mrs.	1	0	0
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. E. D.	2	2	0
Cape Argus	5	0	0
Cape Times, Ltd.	10	0	0
Carlisle, Miss D.	1	1	0
Central News Agency, Ltd.	10	10	0
Cliffe, C. R. and Neale	10	10	0
Clydesdale (Transvaal) Collieries, Ltd.	3	3	0
Coates, Mrs. H. R.	100	0	0
Cockerton, Mrs.	3	3	6
Coetzee, Miss Renzie		10	0
Connock, F., Esq.	5	0	0
Corlett (Pty), Messrs. D. F. Ltd.	10	11	0
Cory, Lady	2	2	0
Creswick, Mrs.	1	0	0
Crowster, Cloete & Uitlander, Messrs. (3 St. Dunstaners)		5	0
Currey, Ewan S., Esq.	5	5	0
Currey, Mr. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Currie, Mrs. W. A.		11	6
Cuthbert & Co., W. M., Ltd.	10	10	0
Davies & Co., Ltd., Hubert	2	2	0
Davies, Miss E. B.		10	0
De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd.	25	0	0
De Kock, Mrs.	1	1	0
Dewar, Chas. H., Esq.	1	1	0
Dixon, M. and Mrs. (interest from W. Gordon Dixon Trust Fund)	4	0	0
Dorman, Long (Africa) Ltd.	5	5	0
Douglas, A., Esq.	1	1	0
Douglas, Mrs.		5	0
Douglas, Low & Co.	2	2	0
Drury, Mrs.	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Dunn, Mr. F. T.	1	1	0
E.P. Guardian Co.	25	0	0
Edwards, Mrs.		10	0
Elephant Trading (S.A.) Holdings Ltd.	2	2	0
Espin, C. E., Esq.	1	0	0
Etheridge, The Right Rev.	1	1	0
Evans & Co., Messrs. Herbert	2	2	0
Farrer, E., Esq.	10	0	0
Featherstone, Miss E. E.		10	0
Fergusson Bros., Messrs.	3	3	0
Flanagan, P. L., Esq.	2	2	0
Ford, Miss M. J. S.	5	0	0
Freeman, Mrs.		10	0
Friedlander, Miss		10	0
Friel, B. N., Esq.	1	1	6
Gant, Mr. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Garlicks Interests	1	1	0
Garnett, Mrs.	1	0	0
General Mining & Finance Corp., Ltd.	10	10	0
Godlonton, Capt. B. G.	5	0	0
Godlonton, Miss E.	5	0	0
Godlonton, M. G., Esq. (In Memory of D'Urban Godlonton, Lt. S.A.A.F. 12.8.44)	10	0	0
Gordon, Peter		10	0
Gordon, W., Esq.	5	0	0
Graham, Miss E.	1	0	0
Grant, Mrs. St. John	1	0	0
Greaterman's Stores Ltd.	3	3	0
Greathead, Mrs. J. B.	1	1	0
Greathead, Miss Juel		5	0
Groenewald, Mrs. H.		5	0
Guard, Miss C.	1	1	6
Haldane, J., Esq.		7	6
Hall, Mrs.		5	0
Hall, The Misses A. and G.	2	0	6
Harris, L. M., Esq.	10	17	6
Hay, Erroll, Esq.	3	3	0
Hayton, Mrs.		10	0
Hemphill, Robert, Esq.	2	2	0
Henwood, Son, Soutter & Co.	5	5	0
Herbst, Miss Bertha		10	0
Holmes, Rev. F.	1	1	6
Hoole, Mrs. C.	5	0	0
Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn, Ltd., Messrs.	2	2	0
Immerman, Mr. A.		10	0
Impey, Mr. and Mrs. B. H.	2	0	6
Jackson, E. L., Esq.	2	2	0
Jagger & Co., Messrs. J. W.	2	2	0
Jamieson, Dr. H. M.	5	5	0
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co., Ltd.	10	10	0
Johnstone & Co., Ltd., W. F.	5	5	0
Kahn, Mr. S.	1	12	0
Keir, James, Esq.	2	2	0
Kidger, C. E., Esq.	2	2	6
Kilgour, Mrs.		11	0
Kleinfontein Estates and Township Ltd.	2	2	0
Lamb, Miss A. F.	2	2	6
Leake, C. H., Esq.	1	1	0
Lefebre, Mrs.	1	0	0
Lennon Ltd., Messrs.	2	2	0
Leviseur, Mrs.		7	0
Louw, Mrs.		2	0
Love, J. McG., Esq.	10	10	0
Macgillivray, C. R., Esq.	1	1	0
Macgillivray, W. M., Esq.	1	1	0
Mackenzie, George, Esq.	2	2	0
Mackinnon, Mrs.		10	0
Mailer, Louis M., Esq.	2	2	0
Mansfield & Co, E.	2	2	0
Mardall, Mrs.	1	1	6
Marillier, Miss E. F.	1	0	0
Marshall, H. R., Esq.	2	2	0
Massey, G. D., Esq.	1	1	0
Matthew, H. M., Esq.	1	0	0
Matthews, Mrs. J. E.	1	0	0
Mennie, R. S., Esq.	2	2	0
Meyer, Mrs.		10	0
Mosenthal Bros.	3	3	0
Mullins, Miss L. and Helpers (Sale of Rosettes)	3	10	0
Murray, Mrs. C. Z.	2	2	0
Natal Building Society (Johannesburg Branch)	5	5	0
Newby, Miss (In Memory of Mrs. Seale)	1	0	0
New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd.	10	0	0
Nicholas, D. L., Esq.	1	0	6
Niven, Robert, Trust	100	0	0
Ohlssons Cape Breweries Ltd.	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
O.K. Bazaars	5	5	0
Orr, John & Co.	5	5	0
Paddon, Mrs.	1	0	0
Palmer, Brig. Gen. C. C.	3	3	0
Parsons, Mrs.	1	10	0
Plint, A., Esq.	2	2	0
Potgieter, Mr. A.		2	0
Pott, W., Esq.	2	0	0
Purdon, Mrs. Ross	1	1	0
Queate, Mrs.	1	0	0
Rand Daily Mails Ltd.	10	0	0
Randles Bros. & Hudson Ltd.	10	10	0
Rand Mines Ltd.	10	10	0
Rand Provident Building Society	2	2	0
Reeler, Mrs.	1	1	0
Reid, J. O., Esq.	2	2	0
Ritchie, T. P., Esq.	1	2	6
Robb, Mr. D.		5	0
Roberts, F. E., Esq.	2	2	0
Robinson, Mr. E.		3	0
Rogers, Rev. A. S.		5	0
Rogers, A., Esq.		5	0
Rooiberg Minerals Development Co., Ltd.	2	2	0
Rosenthal, Eric, Esq.	4	4	0
Russ, Mr. V. H.	5	5	0
Savage, Mrs.		5	0
Scheuble, Mrs. A. E.	5	5	0
Scott, Miss J.	1	1	0
Searle, Mr.		10	6
Shearer, Thomas, Esq.	2	2	0
Sleading & Tidmarsh, The Misses	1	1	0
Smith, A. N., Esq.	4	4	0
Smith, Miss Town	2	10	0
South, Mr.		5	0
S.A. & General Investment & Trust Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
S.A. General Electric Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Sparks, Mrs.	1	0	0
Spilhaus & Co. Ltd., Wm.	5	0	0
Spreckley, Mrs.	3	3	0
Sprigg, Miss J.		10	0
Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd.	10	10	0
Standard Building Society	3	3	0
Stander, Miss Bertha		2	6
Stanley Motors Ltd.	1	1	0
"Star", The	10	10	0
Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd., Messrs.	25	0	0
Stidolph, Miss	1	0	0
Strachan, Mrs.	1	1	6
Stuttafords & Co. Ltd., Messrs.	1	1	0
Syfret's Trust Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Tarry, Messrs. E. W. & Co.	5	5	0
Tasker, W. A., Esq.	2	10	0
Thatcher, Miss		10	0
Thomas, Mr. R. F.	1	0	0
Thompson, James (Pty) Ltd.	2	2	0
Thomson, Samuel, Esq.	10	0	0
Thomson, Samuel, Esq. (Car Lifts)	1	18	10
Thrupp & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0
Tilley, Miss E.	3	10	0
Tribolet, Mrs.	1	1	0
Twine, Mr.		10	0
Unger, F. A., Esq.	5	5	0
Union-Castle S.S. Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
United Building Society	21	0	0
Van der Linde, Mr. J. H.		10	0
Van der Vyver, Miss J.		2	0
Van Eyssen, Miss Esme	1	0	0
Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W.		10	0
Van Velden, Mr. A. C.	1	1	0
Van Wyk, Mr. G.		10	0
Varder, Mrs.		10	6
Venter, Mr. E.	1	0	0
Vernal, Mrs.	1	1	0
Verster, Miss I.		2	10
Vincent, Miss		2	0
Viney, A. D., Esq.	2	2	0
Von Linsingen, Mrs.	1	1	0
Wallis, Mrs. J. G.	5	0	0
White, Mrs. Bertram	1	0	0
White, Mrs. F. R.	2	2	0
White, Mrs. J.		10	0
Whiteley, P., Esq.	5	5	0
Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. C. C.		10	0
Wilk, A. (Pty) Ltd.	2	2	0
Willmott, Miss F. M.		10	0
Wood, C. H., Esq.		10	6
Wood, Mrs. Henry	1	1	6
Wood, Miss Maud		10	0
Worthington, Miss V. E.	3	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Street Collection.			
Grahamstown	61	15	5
Boy Scout and Girl Guide Associations.			
Molteno	1	12	0
Schools.			
Anzac Government School, Brakpan	3	15	0
St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown	5	0	0
Burt House, High School for Girls, Queenstown	1	0	0
D.S.G., Grahamstown	5	0	0
do. (Strong House)	2	15	7
Johannesburg High School for Girls (Barnato Park)	20	19	9
V.G.H.S., Macdonald House (Proceeds of Concert)	10	13	10
V.G.H.S., Dorset House)	1	0	0
Societies.			
East London Branch N.H. R.U. (Book in memory of Mrs. Alice S. Macdonald)		12	6
Engineer Training Centre, Spitzkop Camp	3	0	0
Governor-General's National War Fund	100	0	0
Grahamstown Cathedral: St. Luke's Day Collection	1	1	6
Gwatyn-Bolotwa Ladies, per Miss Dicks	10	0	0
Johannesburg Society for Civilian Blind (2 years)	10	10	0
Rhodesian Society for the Care of the Blind	13	18	4
S.A.W.A.S. (Grahamstown Branch)	10	0	0
S.A. St. Dunstan's (special donation)	50	0	0
Staff Main Store, Randfontein	2	6	0
Trinity Church Women's Association (Senior)	1	0	0
Public Libraries and Other Collecting Boxes.			
Aliwal North	10	0	0
Barberton	1	1	8
Bedford	2	0	0
Benoni	1	8	2
Bloemfontein	1	0	6
Boksburg	4	10	0
Colesberg	1	10	6
East London		2	6
Ermelo	1	0	0
Grahamstown	2	10	0
Kimberley	2	10	0
King William's Town	10	3	3
Kokstad		7	8
Kuruman		6	6
Ladysmith (Natal)	2	2	0
Middelburg (Cape)	2	9	3
Nqamakwe	2	0	0
Oudtshoorn		12	0
Pietermaritzburg	7	7	0
Port Alfred	2	7	3
Port Elizabeth	2	0	0
Prteoria State Library	11	2	8
Queenstown	1	18	0
Rondebosch	2	5	0
Simonstown	1	12	6
Umtata	1	2	6
Wellington	1	1	3
Witbank Club, Witbank	6	15	3
Wynberg	1	15	0
	£1351	7	0
Grants for Talking Book Equipment.			
St. Dunstan's African Committee (per Mrs. Chadwick Bates)	100	0	0
S.A. National Council for the Blind	100	0	0
	£200	0	0
Bequest.			
The Late Mr. W. W. Herley	10	0	0
Provincial Councils. Grants-in-Aid.			
Cape Province	200	0	0
Transvaal	150	0	0
Natal	50	0	0
Orange Free State	25	0	0
	£425	0	0

Social Welfare. Grant-in-Aid.			
Social Welfare	200	0	0
Municipalities.			
Grahamstown	10	0	0
Johannesburg	15	0	0
Queenstown	2	2	0
	£27	2	0

Divisional Councils.			
Port Elizabeth	10	0	0
Albany	5	0	0
	£15	0	0
Provident Fund for the S.A. Library for the Blind.			
Strachan, Mrs.	5	0	0

GRANTS AND BEQUESTS.

		£	s.	d.
1924.	Bannerman Bequest	1500	0	0
1930.	Carnegie Corporation Grant	1200	0	0
1936.	„ „ „	1000	0	0
1937.	Bequest—R. H. Struben, Esq.	250	0	0
1938.	Bequest—E. W. Howard, Esq.	250	0	0
„	Bequest—H. E. R. Sherry, Esq.	50	0	0
1939.	Bequest—Dr. H. E. H. Oakley	250	0	0
„	Bequest—Robert Godlonton, Esq.	500	0	0
1941.	Bequest—E. W. Howard, Esq.	50	0	0
1943.	Ross Bequest	283	7	4
1944.	Bequest—Miss J. McPherson	25	0	0
1945.	Bequest—W. Herley, Esq.	10	0	0
„	Bequest—H. J. King, Esq.	400	0	0

RULES.

1. The books are lent free of charge.
2. The books go by post by special rate to any part of the Union. (For rates see back of cover.) Books must not be sent by rail.
3. Readers are requested to send a list of books required, and to return each volume as soon as read.
4. A volume may be kept for one month unless needed for study, when, with the permission of the Librarian, it may be kept for a longer period.
5. Readers are asked not to keep magazines or knitting patterns, but to return each one with the book with which it is sent.
6. Readers are begged to take great care of the books, to keep them clean and free from damp, and not to turn down pages.
7. Canvas covers, cardboard covers or strong paper and string are used for packing the books. Readers should pack the books carefully in these for return postage.
8. Readers are begged to let the Librarian know at once of any change of address.
9. Any infectious or contagious illness shall *at once* be notified to the Librarian.
10. Anyone wanting to borrow books should send a letter of reference from a J.P., a clergyman or other well-known person acquainted with them.
11. All letters referring to books, Braille paper, etc., should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,
South African Library for the Blind,
Grahamstown.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND.

Papers of any kind, periodicals, and books, impressed or to be impressed in "Braille," or other special type for the use of the blind, when posted within the Union for transmission to a place within the Union, are transmissible at the rate given below, provided that they—

(*a*) do not contain any communication, either in writing or printed in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet;

(*b*) bear on the outside the inscription "Literature for the Blind," and the name and address of the sender;

(*c*) be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends which can easily be removed for examination of the contents;

For a packet not exceeding 3lb. in weight..... ½d.

For a packet exceeding 3lb. and not exceeding 7lb..... 1d.

For a packet exceeding 7lb. and not exceeding 11lb..... 1½d.

For a packet exceeding 11lb. and not exceeding 15lb. 6oz. .. 2d.

The limit of weight is 15lb. 6oz., and the maximum dimensions are the same as for letters.

Voice records on discs, styled "Talking Book records," securely packed, are also transmissible at the above rates, provided they are despatched from or addressed to certain recognised institutes for the blind. (Page 42, Post Office Guide, January, 1941.)

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, GRAHAMSTOWN.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SUNDRY CREDITORS		60 17 2
DEVELOPMENT FUND		1000 0 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND.		
Balance as at 31st December, 1945	2855 13 7	
Add Society's Contribution	50 0 0	
Public Donations	5 0 0	
	2910 13 7	
Less Withdrawals	180 8 6	
		2730 5 1
STAFF SAVINGS FUND		279 13 4
REPAIRS RESERVE FUND		100 0 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
As at 31st December 1945	7825 19 2	
Add S.A. National Council for the Blind	100 0 0	
Talking Book Donations	100 0 0	
Bequest—Estate late W. W. Herley	10 0 0	
Gift Books	10 2 0	
Special Donations	427 14 0	
	8473 15 2	
Less Deficit for the Year	174 2 7	
		8299 12 7
		£12470 8 2

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PROPERTY.		
As at 31st December 1945	2916 15 0	
Less Depreciation 1%	29 3 4	
		2887 11 8
BOOKS AND CASES.		
As at 31st December 1945	806 8 9	
Additions during the Year	63 12 9	
	870 1 6	
Less Depreciation 10%	87 0 2	
		783 1 4
FURNITURE, FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT.		
As at 31st December 1945	201 10 0	
Additions during the Year	21 10 3	
	223 0 3	
Less Depreciation 7½%	16 14 6	
		206 5 9
TALKING BOOK RECORDS & EQUIPMENT.		
As at 31st December 1945	899 9 0	
Additions during the Year	273 17 8	
	1173 6 8	
Less Depreciation 20%	234 13 4	
		938 13 4
STOCKS ON HAND.		
Paper, etc.	4 18 5	
Braille Machines	19 6 0	
Needles	2 15 0	
		26 19 5
SUNDRY DEBTORS.		
Accrued Grants	212 10 0	
Accrued Interest	37 13 2	
		250 3 2
PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		3 17 0
DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT.		
S.A. Permanent Building Society:		
Fixed Deposit		1000 0 0
INVESTMENTS.		
United Bldg. Society: Paid-up Shares	1200 0 0	
E.P. Building Society: Paid-up Shares	300 0 0	
E.P. Guardian Co.: Fixed Deposit	50 0 0	
E.P. Building Society: Fixed Deposit	214 0 0	
		1764 0 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND INVESTMENTS.		
Standard Bank	41 13 3	
P.O. Savings Account	257 19 4	
P.O. Certificates	1000 0 0	
Union Loan Certificates	1575 0 0	
		2874 12 7
CASH AND BANK BALANCES.		
Standard Bank: Current Account	359 19 0	
E.P. Building Society: At Call	974 13 11	
E..P Guardian Co.: At Call	400 7 2	
Cash on Hand	3 10	
		1735 3 11
		£12470 8 2

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet of the South African Library for the Blind as at 31st December 1946, and in my opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Society.

8th April 1947.

E. A. P. WAGSTAFF,
Certified Accountant, Auditor.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.

1946.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	To Salaries and Bonuses	886	3	10
	„ Wages	66	18	0
	„ Rates and Taxes	43	12	11
	„ Advertising, Printing and Stationery	63	5	8
	„ Accountancy	12	0	0
	„ Insurance	12	10	5
	„ Lighting	4	0	4
	„ Repairs, Renewals and Painting	353	15	3
	„ Sundry Expenses	27	14	8
	„ Donations to Institutions	20	0	0
	„ Postages and Stamps	70	2	0
	„ Staff Provident Fund Contribution	50	0	0
	„ Depreciation:—			
	Property 1% — £29 3 4			
	Furniture and Equip. 7½% — 16 14 6			
	Books, Cases, etc. 10% — 87 0 2			
	Talking Book Equip. 20% — 234 13 4			
		367	11	4
	„ Delegates' Expenses	33	9	4
		£2011	3	9

INCOME.

1946.			£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections		923	13	0
	„ Rents Receivable		138	15	8
	„ Department of Social Welfare		200	0	0
	„ GRANTS:—				
	Provincial Councils:				
	Natal	£50 0 0			
	Cape	200 0 0			
	O.F.S.	25 0 0			
	Transvaal	150 0 0			
			425	0	0
	Divisional Councils:				
	Albany	5 0 0			
	Port Elizabeth	10 0 0			
			15	0	0
	Municipalities:				
	Johannesburg	15 0 0			
	Grahamstown	10 0 0			
	Queenstown	2 2 0			
			27	2	0
	„ INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS		107	10	6
			1837	1	2
	„ DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		174	2	7
			£2011	3	9